

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1411

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the exemplary students from the Maury County Public School System who served as Delegates to the 2006 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE).

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who have evidenced a strong commitment to public service at an early age and who have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding example of this type of young citizen can be found in the Maury County Public School System, namely among the eleven high school students who served as Delegates to the Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) sponsored by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) on March 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, SCOPE brings together 9th through 12th grade students from across the State to discuss and otherwise explore major topics in education; participants also learn about education issues through mock school board meetings and debates; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the conference, participants meet as a congress, where each group's student leader gives a presentation on one of the issues discussed, and the students then vote on the major issues; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the conference, the students' opinions and recommendations are published in a report that is distributed to all student participants and published in the TSBA April *Journal*, which is sent to each school board member in Tennessee, the State Board of Education, and key legislators; students also report the findings of the conference to their local school boards; and

WHEREAS, the valuable real-life experience that Tennessee high school students gain from their participation in SCOPE undoubtedly paves the way for their visionary and innovative leadership in the future when, as adults, they will work with purpose and conviction to make Tennessee's public school systems some of the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the eleven high school students from the Maury County Public School System who excelled as participants in the 2006 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) are to be greatly commended for their ongoing commitment to providing quality education for all in their county and their many valuable contributions in shaping future educational policy; these praiseworthy young citizens are: Lauren Wakefield and Sarah Beth Watts of Columbia Central High School; Christina Lo of Culleoka Unit School; Amber Wilson and Tom McDonald of Hampshire Unit School; Will Byrd and Krista Kittrell of Mt. Pleasant High School; Sabrina Victory and Michael Seamon of Santa Fe Unit School; and Kaitlin Keene and Nathaniel Anderson of Spring Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding young people epitomize the spirit and resolve that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, and they now take their rightful place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our school systems, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like these Maury County high school students, who have used their considerable talents and resources to improve public education for their and future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lauren Wakefield, Sarah Beth Watts, Christina Lo, Amber Wilson, Tom McDonald, Will Byrd, Krista Kittrell, Sabrina Victory, Michael Seamon, Kaitlin Keene, and Nathaniel Anderson for representing their respective schools and Maury County so ably as Delegates to the 2006 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE). We salute them for their astute and dedicated service in shaping future educational policy in Tennessee and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.